AN ACCOUNT OF THE Life, Birth, Death, Parentage, and Converſation, of Mr. *John Addiſon*,

a moſt notorious Highway-man, who being laſt Seſſions caſt upon Five ſeveral Indictments, was executed at *Tyburn*, on *Friday* the 2d of *March*, 1710-11.

With the Heads of the condemn'd Sermon that was preach'd to him by the *Ordinary of Newgate*, on this Text; *I thought on my ways, and turn'd my Feet unto thy Teſtimonies*, Pſal. 119, ver. 59.

With the manner of his Tryal at the *Seſſions-Houſe* in the *Old Baily*, and Condemnation, Behaviour whilſt under Sentence of Death; and laſt dying Speech and Confeſſion at the Place of Execution.

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A Prayer by him frequently uſed after his Condemnation.

O Lord, give me that true Repentance to which thou haſt promiſed Mercy and Pardon: and accept my Repentance for thine infinite Mercy's ſake, and the Merits of my Bleſſed Saviour, who died for Repenting Sinners.

O Work, by thy Grace, ſuch a Love of Thee in my Heart, as may make me yet grieve more for my Sins.

Create in me a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me.

O Lord, one Day is with Thee as a thouſand Years, O let thy mighty Spirit work in me now in this my laſt Day, whatſoever thou ſee'ſt wanting, to fit me for thy Mercy and Acceptance.

Let it work in me all thoſe Holy Diſpoſitions of Mind, that may fit me for Heaven, and the Enjoyment of thy ſelf.

This is a great thing, O Lord, that I ask, but not too great for thy Almighty Power: Speak the Word only, and I ſhall be clean. Grant this to me, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's ſake. Amen.

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THE unhappy Subject of our following tragical Relation, is on one Mr. *John Addiſon*, born at *Lambeth* in the County of *Surrey*, of very good honeſt Parents, who are living there ſtill. In his Infancy they ſpar'd for no Coſt, to give him good Education and Learning; but being of a dull genius, and very untoward, he was heedleſs of obtaining the Advantages of that good Literature which might have made him hereafter happy; whereupon when he was arriv'd to about

about 15 Years of Age, his *Parents* put him out an Apprentice to a Butcher in the *Burrough of Southwark*, but leaving his Maſter before he had ſerv'd out his Time by betwixt two or three Years, he got ſuch a Habit of ill Company, eſpecially amongſt lewd Women, that to ſupport himſelf in his irregular courſe of Life, he left no Villany unperpetrated, as committing *Petit* Larcenies, picking Pockets, Shop-lifting, breaking open Houſes, and robbing on the High-way, for which laſt Fact he dy'd.

But whilſt he continu'd this wicked Life, to ſcreen himſelf from preſſing, he liſted himſelf in the Foot-Guards, and liv'd as Man and Wife in *Stanhope-Street* with one *Kate Speed*, a moſt notorious Woman now in *Newgate*, in order to be try'd at the Aſſizes at *Kingſton*, for robbing *Lambeth Church*, about 7 or 8 Months ago. However, ſince her Confinement, leaving her, and betaking himſelf to other Women as bad, he, to maintain them, took all unlawful Ways, till he was impeach'd by one of his own Comrades, and being apprehended and ſent to *Newgate*, he was at the Seſſions, held in the *Old-Bayly*, on *Wedneſday* and *Thurſday*, the 22d and 23d Days of *February* laſt arraign'd and condemn'd upon the following Indictments.

John

John Addiſon was firſt Indicted for aſſaulting *Robert Sherhood* upon the Queen's Highway, and taking from thence a ſilver-hilted Sword valued 30 *s.* *Secondly*, he was Indicted for robbing *Joſeph Aſhton* on the Queen's Highway of 7 *s.* in Money on the 6th of *February* laſt paſt. *Thirdly*, he was Indicted for robbing *Matthew Beazly* on the Queen's Highway of a Cloth-Coat valu'd 40 *s.* a Handkerchief 6 *d.* a Penknife 6 *d.* and 10 *s.* in Money. *Fourthly*, he was Indicted for robbing *William Winſlow* on the Queen's Highway in *Stepney Fields*, of a Razor, a great Coat, a Neckcloth, and 25 *s.* in Money. And *Fifthly*, he was Indicted for robbing Mr. *Diſney Stamford* upon the Queen's Highway in the Pariſh of *Hackney*, of 11 *s.* in Money, and a Silver Watch. And which Five Indictments being plainly prov'd againſt him

him, the *Jury* brought him in guilty of them all.

So Sentence of Death being paſt upon him, and ſent up to the Condemn'd Hold, he then began to be ſenſible of his preſent Condition, and to reflect on the Miſcarriages of his Life paſt; by being out of Hopes of receiving any Mercy from the *Queen*, as being ſo great an Offender, tho' but a young Man not above 24 Years, and to prepare himſelf in a Chriſtian-like Deportment, to all Appearance, for another World. And on *Sunday* the 25th of *February* going up to Chapel, the *Ordinary of Newgate* preach'd to him on theſe Words, *I thought on my Ways, and turned my Feet unto thy Teſtimonies*, Pſal. 119, ver. 59. From which Text he ſet forth the great Comfort and Solace an afflicted Soul may find in Tribulation, by an early returning to the Lord, through

a lively Faith, aſſured Hope, and ſincere Repentance; and then clos'd up his Sermon with an Exhortation of being mindful betimes on the abominable Irregularities of his paſt wicked Life, by improving the ſhort time he had to live in this World, in making his Peace with God.

On *Friday* the 2d of *March* 17^{10}_{11}, being put into a Cart, and convey'd to the Place of Execution, he there deliver'd himſelf to the Spectators as follows: *Gentlemen and others, I am this Day come to die not only for one, two, or three Facts, but more, and of all which Crimes I am really guilty. I am but a young Man, come of very good and religious Parents, who are now living, which makes my Grief and Sorrow ſo much the greater, by reaſon of the opprobrious Reflections which may be caſt upon them, by my coming to this untimely End. There is no Sin what-*

soever, excepting Murder, but what I have been guilty of; however, I hope I am not so great an Offender, but that with true, sincere, and unfeigned Repentance, my blessed Saviour will this last Day, as ever I shall see in this World, intercede to my heavenly Father for Mercy for me. It is not in my Power now to make any Restitution to those I have wrong'd, but as my Life is now to be justly forfeited for my manifold Offences, it is my hearty Desire that that may be a Recompence for what Injuries I have done them. As for that Woman who is now in Newgate, *and went for my Wife, I was never marry'd to her; however, I have that Respect for her as to wish her well; I hope whenever she's deliver'd from the Trouble she's now in, she will amend her course of Life, for fear my Disaster should prove her Fate. So dying in Charity with all Mankind, I resign my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it me.*

Then after praying some time with the *Ordinary*, and having some short time allow'd to pray privately by himself, was turn'd off uttering these Expressions *Sweet Jesus have Mercy on me. O!*